Chickasaw National Recreation Area



Hunting Map and Regulations

Welcome

We hope you have a safe and successful hunting season. A variety of game including quail, turkey, squirrel, rabbit, dove, ducks, geese, and deer may be found here. However, due to the small size of the area and heavy hunting pressure, success is limited. **Trapping is prohibited**. All deer and turkey taken within the Chickasaw National Recreation Area must be checked- in at the nearest certified Oklahoma Game Check Station.

Hunting Regulations

Most state hunting regulations are applicable in Chickasaw National Recreation Area with the following exceptions.

- The use of artificial light to view wildlife is prohibited.
- Baiting of wildlife is also prohibited.
- Feral hogs may be taken year round in compliance with state regulations.
- All tree stands must be portable.
- Damage to trees such as cutting limbs and using nails or screws is prohibited.
- Tree stands unattended for more than 72 hours will be considered abandoned property and subject to removal by the National Park Service.
- Hunters must have a valid Oklahoma hunting license.

The "Oklahoma Hunting Regulations" provides state hunting information and special regulations for Chickasaw National Recreation Area. It is available from the Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation, State Game Rangers, Park Rangers, and license sales outlets.

Firearms

FEDERAL REGULATIONS PROHIBIT THE DISCHARGE OF FIREARMS WITHIN THE CHICKASAW NATIONAL RECREATION AREA, EXCEPT IN THE LAWFUL TAKING OF GAME ANIMALS. All sighting in and target practice must be done before entering the recreation area.

• Fully automatic weapons are

- prohibited.
- Carrying or possessing a loaded weapon in a motor vehicle or other means of transportation is prohibited.
- Unloaded guns carried in a vehicle must be rendered temporarily inoperable or packed, cased or stored in a manner that will prevent their ready use.

Boundaries

Chickasaw National Recreation Area is surrounded by private lands. State law requires that permission of the landowner or the custodian be obtained before entry on private lands. Therefore, it is important hunters be familiar with the recreation area boundaries. Not all of the recreation area is open to hunting. All developed areas are closed and some areas are restricted to archery and shot shells only. The attached color- coded map indicates which areas are closed or restricted.

Camping/Vehicles

Camping is available in the recreation area throughout the year in designated

campsites. All vehicles are restricted to established roads. No off road travel is permitted in the recreation area.

Safety Tips

Never point a gun at anything you do not want to shoot. Treat every gun with the respect due a loaded gun. Always be sure that the barrel and action are clear of obstruction. Carry your gun so that you can control the direction of the muzzle. Keep the safety on until you are ready to shoot. Never climb a tree, fence, or other

obstacle with a loaded gun. Never shoot at a flat, hard surface, or the surface of the water. Unattended guns should be unloaded. Guns and ammunition should be stored safely beyond the reach of children. Do not mix alcohol and firearms!

In Case of Emergency

If you have an emergency call 911 or the Sulphur Dispatch at 580/622-2000 and

they will notify a ranger of your emergency.

For More Information

For additional information abut specific park regulations or activites write or call:

Chickasaw National Recreation Area 1008 West Second Street Sulphur, Oklahoma 73086

(580) 622-3165 or 3161

For Oklahoma, state hunting regulations and information, write or call:

Wildlife Department 1801 N. Lincoln Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73105- 4998

(405) 521- 3851

Open to Hunting

Open to Archery and Shot Shells Only



Boat Ramp



Campground



Picnic Area



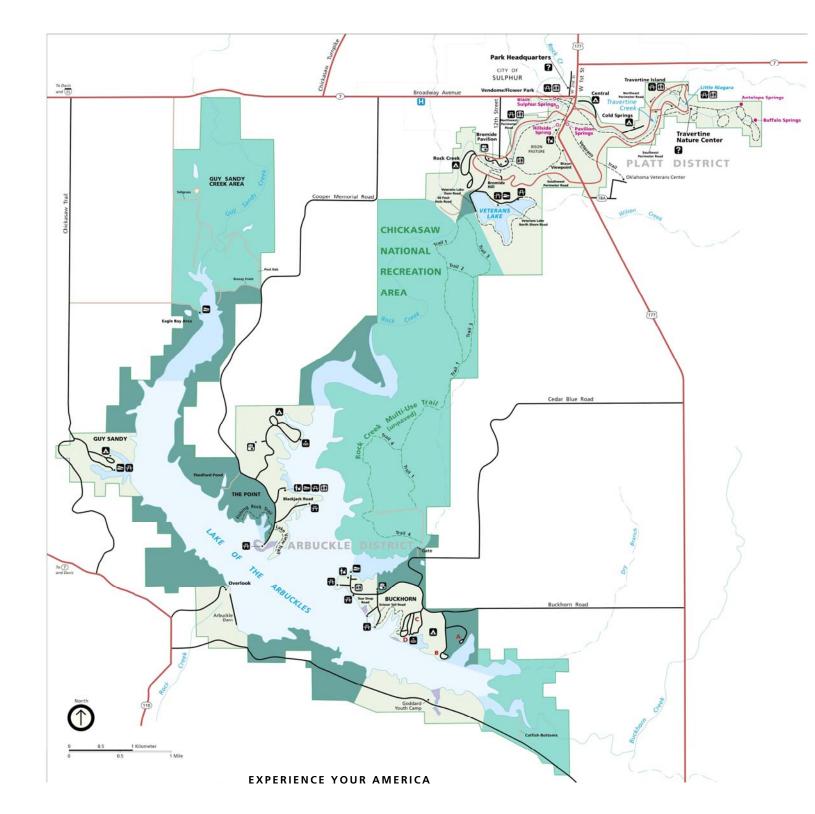
Ranger Station



Restroom



Sanitary Disposal Station



The Ethical Hunter . . .

- Knows and follows all the game laws and regulations.
- Is familiar with various game habitats and can identify game in the field.
- Practices judging distance and shoots **only** at game within range.
- Always uses weapons and ammunition appropriate for the game being hunted. Makes sure the gun is sighted in and practices at a range to develop marksmanship ability.
- Knows the importance of being seen and wears fluorescent orange outer garments when appropriate.
- ALWAYS gets permission from the landowner to hunt on private land. Treats the land where hunting as if it were his own.
- Understands that his commitment to ethical hunting helps ensure the future of the sport.



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